

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the Listing of Claims below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A fire resistant fiber sheet which is press-molded with heating, said fiber sheet consisting of a fiber sheet in which fire retardant capsules, consisting of a water soluble fire retardant powder covered with a water insoluble synthetic resin shell, are added, wherein said fiber sheet ~~consists of or contains~~ comprises a fiber having a low melting point of below 180°C and said fiber sheet is bound with a sulfomethylated and/or sulfimethylated phenolic resin which is added to said fiber sheet in an amount of between 5 and 200% by mass relative to the mass of said fiber sheet without said capsules, and further said fire retardant capsules are fixed in said fiber sheet by said fiber having a low melting point during press molding with heating.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A fire resistant fiber sheet in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said fire retardant capsules are added to said fiber sheet in an amount of between 5% and 80% by mass relative to the mass of said fiber sheet without said capsules.

Claims 3 - 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): A fire resistant fiber sheet in accordance with claim 1, wherein said fibers are all hollowed, or a mixture of solid and hollowed fibers.

Claims 6 - 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (previously presented): A molded article wherein said fire resistant fiber sheet in accordance with claim 1, is molded into a prescribed shape.

Claim 17 (original): A molded article in accordance with Claim 16, wherein a ventilation resistance of said molded article is in the range of between 0.1 and 100kPa·s/m.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A laminated material wherein porous sheet(s) is (are) laminated onto one side or both sides of said fire resistant fiber sheet in accordance with claim 1.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A laminated material in accordance with Claim 18, wherein said porous sheet(s) is (are) laminated onto one or both sides of said fire resistant fiber sheet through thermoplastic resin film(s) that has (have) a thickness of between 10 and 200 μm .

Claim 20 (original): A laminated material in accordance with Claim 19, wherein a hot melt adhesive powder is scattered onto one or both sides of said fire resistant fiber sheet in an amount of between 1 and 100g/m² and said other porous material sheet(s) is (are) laminated onto said fiber sheet through said scattered layer of hot melt adhesive powder.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A molded article wherein a laminated material in accordance with claim 19 is molded into a prescribed shape.

Claim 22 (original): A molded article in accordance with Claim 21, wherein a ventilation resistance of said molded article is in the range of between 0.1 and 100 kPa·s/m.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A fire resistant acoustic material for cars made of a molded article in accordance with claim 16.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A fire resistant fiber sheet which is press-molded with heating, said fiber sheet comprising a fiber sheet in which fire retardant capsules, consisting of a

water soluble fire retardant powder covered with a water insoluble synthetic resin shell, are added, wherein said fiber sheet ~~consists of or contains~~ comprises a fiber having a low melting point of below 180°C and said fiber sheet is bound with a sulfomethylated and/or sulfimethylated phenolic resin which is added to said fiber sheet in an amount of between 5 and 200% by mass relative to the mass of said fiber sheet without said capsules, and further said fire retardant capsules are fixed in said fiber sheet by said fiber having a low melting point during press molding with heating.

Claim 25 (new): A fire resistant fiber sheet in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said water soluble fire retardant powder is selected from the group consisting of ammonium phosphate, ammonium polyphosphate, ammonium sulfamate, ammonium sulfate and ammonium silicate.

Claim 26 (new): A fire resistant fiber sheet in accordance with Claim 24, wherein said water soluble fire retardant powder is selected from the group consisting of ammonium phosphate, ammonium polyphosphate, ammonium sulfamate, ammonium sulfate and ammonium silicate.